

Probation Check Leads to Drug Arrests



James P. Cruson III



Harry E. Dittman Jr.

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary E. Fournier

Clayton – The Delaware State Police Kent County Governor's Task Force (GTF) arrested two men for drugs following probationary check.

On Wednesday March 1, 2017 at approximately 7:35 p.m., the Kent County Governors Task Force (GTF), along with Probation and Parole Officers assigned to the unit, responded to the 1000 block of Longridge Road in order to attempt to make contact with a subject who was wanted for capiases and violation of probation, along with following up on information received about a possible Methamphetamine lab at the residence. Upon arrival, **James P. Cruson 3rd**, 38, was contacted in a pole barn and taken into custody in reference to his wanted status. **Harry E. Dittman Jr.**, 30 from Clayton, and a 43-year-old female were also contacted in the pole barn and detained for the investigation. Upon conducting a search of the pole barn where Cruson resides, detectives located

equipment and component mixtures of the manufacturing stages of Meth along with key ingredients in making the drug, as well as .02 grams of Meth. A search of Harry Dittman's vehicle, which was parked outside, revealed .03 grams of heroin.

James Cruson and Harry Dittman were transported to Troop 3 in Camden where Cruson was charged with Operating a Clandestine Laboratory, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), Possession of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned at JP7 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$8,600.00 cash bond.

Harry Dittman was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was released on \$200.00 unsecured bond after being arraigned at JP7.

The female was not charged with any crimes.

No evacuations were ordered as it was determined that there was no immediate hazard to nearby residents. DNREC also responded to the residence to assisted with the search and containment of the combustible substances.

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